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FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
TO USIA WASHDC PRIORIZY
INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI
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FOR GILBERT FROM BRESCIA; STATE FOR CU/NEA

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1. CONCUR THAT UNDER CONDITIONS PREVAILING MOST COUNTRIES
PAK ECONOMIST EDITOR IBNUL HASAN WOULD BE LIKELY CANDIDATE
FOR PARTIAL IVP SUPPORT. EARLIER HASAN INDIRECTLY INDICATED
HIS DESIRE FOR GRANT. PINCH WAS ADVISED TO TELL HASAN
THAT THIS PRACTICE NOT FAVORED IN PAKISTAN BY GOP.

2. PERSONALLY EXPLORED MATTER AT MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL
LEVEL. RECEIVED ANSWER EXPECTED. GOP OPPOSES THIS TYPE
OF GRANT BECAUSE POSSIBILITY SETTING PRECEDENT INDIVIDUAL
WOULD GET GRANTS FROM TWO GOVERNMENTS AT SAME TIME. SINCE
GRANTS HIGHLY SOUGHT GOP DOES NOT RPT NOT WANT TO BE
ACCUSED OF FAVORITISM. MFA BELIEVES THAT GOP/USG HAVE
ESTABLISHED GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP SELECTION IVP
CANDIDATES. IF ANYONE, INCLUDING HASAN, TO BE CONSIDERED
AT ALL SHOULD BE ACCORDING TO REGULAR FULL-GRANT PROCEDURES.

3. WE UNDERSTAND HASAN HOLDS PIA TICKET TO NEW YORK AND HAS
BEEN OFFERED ASSISTANCE AND HOSPITALITY IN US. IF
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DEPARTMENT/USIA CAN EXTEND SOME FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE

THIS WOULD PROBABLY MEET ALL REASONABLE NEEDS.

4. KARACHI MADE USG/GOP STANCE KNOWN TO IBNUL HASAN.
PERSONALLY AM SURPRISED HASAN SHOULD APPROACH YOU BECAUSE
HE COGNIZANT OUR POSITIONS.

5. IVP PROCESSING NOW PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY AND DEFINITELY
BENEFITS USG. WOULD NOT WISH INSTIGATE ANY ACTION LIKELY
JEOPARDIZE FUTURE RELATIONSHIPS.
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